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Newsletter

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SOS June 23-30

Participants in this year's Servants on Site will repair 12 roofs and build six wheelchair ramps. The June 23-30 event will be our sixth annual week of witnessing and sharing Christ and serving people in need in our communities.



As the May 1 deadline for registering passed, 153 participants had signed up.

Project Coordination

Leigh Humphries is once again project coordinator, a job she's had since the first SOS week in 2013.

Leigh, who lives in Person County, has sorted through the registrants and organized the crews according to the types of jobs scheduled. Before the work begins, she will assign encouragers for the crews at the work sites, which she visits during the week.

Leigh's duties continue once the day's work is done as she helps chaperone the youths overnight at Crossroads Christian School.

"It's a big job and a huge responsibility," says Leigh, a member of Theresa Baptist Church.

"This time of year I get a little anxious," she says, "but when the kids get here there's a lot of joy."

Spring Fix-up at RHI



Volunteers at RHI don't have to look far to find a variety of chores needing to be done. Above, Ralph McGowan (left), pastor of West End Baptist Church, and Jeffrey Strickland, a member of Centerville Baptist Church, repair flower bed borders in front of our building on Raleigh Road. Check the "Areas Where You Can Serve" section of this newsletter to find a place where you can serve.

Materials Coordination

Without a steady supply of materials, the jobs would not be completed. And that's where Walt Slaton, a member of Central Baptist Church, comes in as materials coordinator.

With a worksheet describing each job, Walt assembles shingles, tar paper, lumber, nails, bolts, nuts, washers, tools, compressors, hoses and more the week before SOS. Materials are on-hand, donated or purchased locally. Where possible, materials are delivered to sites before the work week begins.

Throughout the week, Walt says he has runners ready at the RHI warehouse to resupply workers through a chain that begins with a job's crew chief who notifies a multisite supervisor. The supervisor notifies Walt who dispatches a runner.

Destination SOS

In addition to participants from Vance, Granville, Warren and neighboring counties,

teams will be coming from a number of communities, such as Roxboro, Windy Gap and Otto, reports Martha McGowan, SOS secretary and a member of West End Baptist Church.

And it's also Destination SOS for teams from Alabama and South Carolina.

Breakfast and Supper

Breakfast and supper are served at Central Baptist Church, beginning with Sunday breakfast before the work week begins.

Central member Roger Bibee does most of the cooking.

Supplies, Roger says, include 4-5 cases of liquid eggs, 300 chicken quarters, 10 gallons of spaghetti sauce and noodles, 40-45 pounds of bacon, sausage, hash browns and more. Supper includes a full salad bar. A team of six helps with serving and cleaning up.

Lunches

Fifteen churches will provide lunches for the teams at the work sites. The churches are Fuller's Chapel, Gardner Baptist Church, First Baptist Church (Creedmoor), West End Baptist Church, Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Liberty Christian Church, New Bethel Baptist Church, New Life Baptist Church (Henderson), North Henderson Baptist Church, New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Carey Baptist Church, Oxford Baptist Church, Island Creek Baptist Church, and Norlina Baptist Church.

Week's Theme is "Fixed"

The theme for the week this year is "Fixed." The meaning of the theme will be explained by guest speakers at each of the evening worship services during the week.

The services and their emphases will be: Sunday, "Need Fixing," based on Romans 3:9-18; Monday, "Can Be Fixed," based on Romans 1:16; Tuesday, "All Eyes Fixed on Jesus," a panel discussion; Thursday, "God's Plan is Fixed," based on Matthew 28; Friday, "God is Fixing a Place – Eternity," based on John 14:1-11. On Wednesday afternoon, participants have free time.

The public is encouraged to attend the worship services at 7 p.m. at Central Baptist Church, except Wednesday night.

Needs for SOS

Volunteers – Adult/college-age volunteers are needed to serve as staff during the week. Staff assists with setting up the rooms, posting signs and schedules and for chores such as cleaning bath and restroom facilities.

Financial Support for SOS Projects

A roofing project costs approximately \$2,000, but any amount is appreciated. A church sponsoring a project will "adopt" the crew for the week and serve lunch each day. Your crew will attend your church for worship and lunch on Sunday and meet your congregation. Afterwards, the crew will visit the homeowner.

Officers, Board Members Elected, Will Take Office in August

The board of directors of Rebuilding Hope Inc. met May 8 to elect officers and board members, all of whom will take office at the board's annual meeting in August.

Randolph Wilson and Walt Slaton were re-elected president and treasurer, respectively. Vann Wester was elected vice president and to a first three-year term on the board. Bill Overby was re-elected secretary and to a second three-year term on the board.

Robert Burnett was elected to a first three-year term on the board. Steve Timberlake was elected to serve out the unexpired term of Todd Stout, a board member who recently resigned.

Volunteer Spotlight

With construction experience behind him, Donnie Wade brought valuable skills to RHI when he began volunteering seven years ago.

After a career in construction, the former U.S. Navy Seabee and Vietnam veteran decided “to use my gift from God to help others in need. I love to serve others.”



Donnie

Donnie, who is a member of the RHI board of directors, has repaired mobile homes,

built wheelchair ramps, hauled trash, served food and worked at “whatever God asks of me.”

Encouraged by friends to volunteer at RHI, Donnie says that he values “being around my brothers and sisters in Christ” and seeing “God work through the hearts of his children.”

Volunteering has been “wonderful for me. The goal is witnessing, and the things we do open the door for us to do that,” says the Poquoson, Va., native.

“When you see someone in a wheelchair come down the ramp for the first time, it just warms your heart that you had a little piece of that,” he says.

Donnie and his wife, Sunnie, have been married for 53 years. They have three daughters, one of whom is deceased.

“She is one of the biggest reasons for my special interest about the ramps,” Donnie says. “Our daughter had ALS, and she was so happy when she rolled down that ramp for the first time.”

The couple also has 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

When they have leisure time, the couple enjoys boating.

Our Ongoing Needs

Prayer, Volunteers,
Building Materials, Donations,
Monthly Financial Support

RHI – Here to Help

To request help to build a wheelchair ramp or to make home repairs, visit our office where a volunteer will take your application. RHI does not take applications over the phone or make monetary awards.



Depending on the type of work requested, RHI may require evidence of ownership of property. A landlord’s permission for a wheelchair ramp is required.

While RHI provides services at no cost, donations from applicants are appreciated.

Appliances Accepted

RHI accepts some used appliances that are in good working order. The appliances include washers and dryers, refrigerators and electric stoves. Appliances that require repairs cannot be accepted.



RHI does not have used furniture and cannot accept household goods or clothing.

Wheelchair Ramps – Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers like those pictured above to help build wheelchair ramps and reduce a backlog of more than 30 requests.

Building the ramps slowed as we moved to and set up in our new location. The winter’s cold weather further hampered our work.

Churches, do you have men’s groups who

could lend a hand?

If you can help, we'll put you in touch with Bill Overby of Enterprise Baptist Church, our team leader in Warren County. Or Steve Timberlake of Oxford Baptist Church, our team leader in Granville County. Or, in Vance County, Steve Lyles of Raleigh Road Baptist Church, Vann Wester of New Sandy Creek Baptist Church, or Cliff McClanahan of Central Baptist Church. Every effort will be made to assign work in the vicinity of your church.

Tentative 2018 Calendar

June

17 – Father's Day
23-30 SOS

July

4 - RHI Closed for Independence Day

August

6-8 - Kids' Construction Camp – 9 a.m.-noon
KCC gives second-sixth graders hands-on experiences with basic construction skills as they rotate through stations such as Hammer & Nails, Electrical & Plumbing, Block Laying and a Take-home Building Project. Registration forms are available at www.rebuildinghopeinc.org.

September

3 - Labor Day – RHI Closed
28 - Fall Fundraiser – 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

October

19-20 - 8th Annual Men's Ministry Weekend
On Friday evening of our Men's Ministry Weekend, men and boys will gather for a meal, at no cost, and a worship service at a local church. On Saturday morning they will gather at Rebuilding Hope to make up teams and receive assignments for hands-on projects in our communities.

November

21 - RHI Closed
22 - Thanksgiving – RHI Closed
23 - RHI Closed

December

24-28 – RHI Closed
31 – New Year's Eve – RHI Closed

Spring BBQ Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: Volunteers Make It Happen



From their early morning arrival on April 27 to heat up the grills to the meticulous task of filling small cups with barbecue sauce to bagging slices of bread, RHI volunteers year after year make this fundraiser happen. We thank them for their faithfulness, and we thank you for your support. This was the 11th consecutive spring fundraiser for RHI and the second at our new location at 414 Raleigh Road. Proceeds from the fundraiser help support our opportunities to witness for Christ as we make home repairs and build wheelchair ramps. Look for our fall barbecue chicken fundraiser on Sept. 28.

Weekly Men's Prayer Group

*As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another.*

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

You're invited to our weekly men's prayer group on Thursday mornings at 7 o'clock. A light breakfast is served. A full breakfast is served on the first Thursday. Join us for a time of prayer and Christian fellowship.

Equipment Available for Check-out

RHI has equipment that churches and groups may check out for use in their projects. Call the office at 252-438-5132 or Randolph's cell at 252-425-5593. The following equipment is available:

Mobile kitchen – Stove, griddle, snow cone, cotton candy and popcorn machines.

2 tool trailers – Equipped with all tools needed to build a wheelchair ramp.

Game trailer – Game trailer with all kinds of games to use for outreach.

Areas Where You Can Serve

AC/Heating Accounting
Carpentry/Framing and Finishing
Carpet/Vinyl Installation
Cleaning Computer Cooking
Doors Drafting Drywall
Electrical Evangelism Internet
Office Organization
Painting Plumbing Ramps
Reception Roofing Siding
Secretarial Telephone Windows
Welding/Sheet Metal Writing

How to Bring a Group to RHI

RHI has a number of volunteer opportunities throughout the year and will work with you or your group (youth or adult) to not only meet the needs of homeowners, but also to meet the needs of your group in its effort to put its faith into action serving others. We provide job locations and materials for hands-on experience and will arrange for one-



day projects or projects for more than one day. Overnight accommodations can be arranged. E-mail us at rwilson@rebuildinghopeinc.org or call 252-438-5132 for more information or registration.

Yard Sale Reduces Surplus



RHI volunteers assist customers May 12 at our yard sale. Items accumulated over the years included sinks, commodes, storm doors and windows, desks and hundreds of small items.

Appreciation

Thanks to all the churches, businesses and individuals who have supported and continue to support the Rebuilding Hope ministry. Without your support, meeting the needs of our communities would be impossible. Continue to pray for us as we reach our communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.